

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA SELECT TAX FREE INCOME PORTFOLIO

Form N-Q

February 28, 2014

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-6623

Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 3/31

Date of reporting period: 12/31/13

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income  
Portfolio (NXC)  
December 31, 2013

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS – 106.3%			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 106.3%			
	Consumer Staples – 3.8%			
\$ 95	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21	6/15 at 100.00	BB+	\$ 88,861
385	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Fresno County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002, 5.625%, 6/01/23	3/14 at 100.00	A3	385,924
1,065	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1: 5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	B	791,497
385	5.125%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	B	261,889
1,095	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 5.300%, 6/01/37	6/22 at 100.00	B	788,280
1,500	Tobacco Securitization Authority of Northern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 5.500%, 6/01/45	6/15 at 100.00	B–	1,053,705
4,525	Total Consumer Staples			3,370,156
3,000	Education and Civic Organizations – 3.9% California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series 2008A, 5.625%, 4/01/37	4/18 at 100.00	Aa3	3,184,980
45	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.00	A3	45,270
35			A2	37,069

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	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006, 5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00		
250	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series 2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46	7/21 at 100.00	BBB-	263,228
3,330	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 10.0%			3,530,547
235	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego, Series 2011, 5.250%, 8/15/41	8/21 at 100.00	A1	239,493
2,550	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	AA-	2,538,831
425	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/15/47	8/17 at 100.00	BBB+	380,141
545	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	A+	555,573
1,505	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2007A, 4.750%, 4/01/33	4/17 at 100.00	A+	1,490,837
540	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38	12/17 at 100.00	BBB	585,625
500	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2009, 6.625%, 11/01/29	11/19 at 100.00	Baa3	512,420
1,100	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	Baa3	1,025,530
670	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	12/21 at 100.00	BB	730,789
800	Upland, California, Certificates of Participation, San Antonio Community Hospital, Series 2011, 6.500%, 1/01/41	1/21 at 100.00	A	866,952

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8,870	Total Health Care			8,926,191
	Housing/Multifamily – 0.9%			
	California Municipal Finance Authority,			
	Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas			
375	Projects	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	385,496
	Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45			
	California Municipal Finance Authority,			
	Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas			
395	Projects	8/22 at 100.00	BBB	387,246
	Series 2012A, 5.500%, 8/15/47			
770	Total Housing/Multifamily			772,742
	Housing/Single Family – 0.0%			
	California Housing Finance Agency, Home			
	Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H,			
40	5.750%,	2/16 at 100.00	A–	41,843
	8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum			
	Tax)			
	Industrials – 1.2%			
	California Pollution Control Financing			
	Authority, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue			
1,015	Bonds, Republic	No Opt. Call	BBB+	1,081,371
	Services Inc., Series 2002C, 5.250%, 6/01/23			
	(Mandatory put 12/01/17) (Alternative			
	Minimum Tax)			
	Tax Obligation/General – 38.6%			
	California State, General Obligation Bonds,			
	Various Purpose Series 2009, 5.500%,	11/19 at		
1,650	11/01/39	100.00	A1	1,771,325
	California State, General Obligation Bonds,			
	Various Purpose Series 2011, 5.000%,	10/21 at		
1,965	10/01/41	100.00	A1	1,993,846
	California State, General Obligation Bonds,			
2,000	Various Purpose Series 2012, 5.250%, 4/01/35	4/22 at 100.00	A1	2,110,740
	Escondido Union High School District, San			
6,225	Diego County, California, General Obligation	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,800,146
	Refunding Bonds, Series 2009, 0.000%,			
	8/01/36 – AGM Insured			
	Golden West Schools Financing Authority,			
	California, General Obligation Revenue			
	Refunding			
	Bonds, School District Program, Series 1999A:			
4,650	0.000%, 8/01/16 – NPFPG Insured	No Opt. Call	A	4,334,497
1,750	0.000%, 2/01/17 – NPFPG Insured	No Opt. Call	A	1,589,123
2,375	0.000%, 8/01/17 – NPFPG Insured	No Opt. Call	A	2,113,370
2,345	0.000%, 2/01/18 – NPFPG Insured	No Opt. Call	A	2,044,043
	Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School			
	District, Santa Clara County, California,			
	General			
	Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds, Series			
	1995C:			
1,015	0.000%, 5/01/17 – NPFPG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa1	980,084

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1,080	0.000%, 5/01/18 – NPFPG Insured Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General Obligation Bonds, Convertible Capital Appreciation, Election 2004 Series 2010A:	No Opt. Call	Aa1	1,015,502
10,825	0.000%, 8/01/34	No Opt. Call	A+	3,270,665
3,250	0.000%, 8/01/35 Sacramento City Unified School District, Sacramento County, California, General Obligation	No Opt. Call	A+	920,693
3,220	Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/27 – NPFPG Insured San Bernardino Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of	7/15 at 100.00	A1	3,369,149
8,075	2008 Series 2009B, 0.000%, 8/01/44 Southwestern Community College District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2011C, 0.000%, 8/01/46	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,347,960
7,560	Sunnyvale School District, Santa Clara County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/26 – AGM Insured West Hills Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, School Facilities	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,140,124
2,565	Improvement District 3, 2008 Election Series 2011, 0.000%, 8/01/38 – AGM Insured Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 29.3% Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Bell Project Area,	9/15 at 100.00	AA	2,730,802
4,250	Series 2003, 5.625%, 10/01/33 – RAAI Insured California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities Series 2013F, 5.250%, 9/01/33 California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections, Calipatria State Prison, Series 1991A, 6.500%, 9/01/17 – NPFPG Insured California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34 Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 98-2, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured	8/31 at 100.00	AA–	2,108,595
64,800				34,640,664
1,000		3/14 at 100.00	N/R	844,500
2,000		9/23 at 100.00	A2	2,085,580
2,190		No Opt. Call	A	2,403,525
1,500		11/19 at 100.00	A2	1,715,325
120		9/15 at 100.00	A	121,330
360		9/16 at 101.00	A–	346,640

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	Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured			
2,000	Escondido Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Water System Financing, Series 2012, 5.000%, 9/01/41	3/22 at 100.00	AA–	1,982,100
1,000	Fontana Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, North Fontana Redevelopment Project, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/32 – AMBAC Insured	10/15 at 100.00	A	991,510
270	Fontana Redevelopment Agency, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	4/14 at 100.00	A–	270,219
250	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured	5/17 at 100.00	BBB+	246,140
55	Irvine Unified School District, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District Series 2006A: 5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	55,276
130	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	124,692
1,215	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	9/15 at 100.00	A1	1,230,126
135	National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24	8/21 at 100.00	A–	158,256
280	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Project Area 1, Refunding, School District Pass-Through, Series 2004, 5.000%, 3/01/32 – RAAI Insured	3/14 at 100.00	N/R	257,978
1,000	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2009, 7.000%, 3/01/34	3/18 at 100.00	A	1,101,120
50	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	54,220
1,300		No Opt. Call	N/R	1,300,195

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	Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 03-1 of Ladera Ranch, Series 2004A, 5.625%, 8/15/34			
	Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Senior Series 2013A:			
350	5.250%, 9/01/30	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	340,134
320	5.750%, 9/01/39	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	317,005
	Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Subordinate Lien Series 2013B , 5.875%, 9/01/39			
60		9/23 at 100.00	N/R	58,864
	Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2011:			
50	6.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	50,669
100	6.125%, 9/01/41	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	100,505
	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos Community Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28			
415		9/18 at 100.00	BBB-	425,919
	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien Series 2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30			
160		9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	167,552
	Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25			
30		10/21 at 100.00	A-	32,889
	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 – NPFG Insured			
605		No Opt. Call	A	678,592
	San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, California, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 4/01/42			
1,365		4/22 at 100.00	AAA	1,426,821
	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41			
25		2/21 at 100.00	A-	27,920
	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:			

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25	7.000%, 8/01/33	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	26,855
30	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	31,771
615	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPF G Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A	621,396
3,000	San Mateo County Transit District, California, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 6/01/21 – NPF G Insured	6/15 at 100.00	AA	3,192,659
1,000	Santa Clara County Board of Education, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2002, 5.000%, 4/01/25 – NPF G Insured	3/14 at 100.00	A	994,400
1,000	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, California, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – AMBAC Insured	4/17 at 100.00	AA+	1,044,800
40	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26	4/21 at 100.00	N/R	41,936
1,000	Travis Unified School District, Solano County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/26 – FGIC Insured	9/16 at 100.00	Baa1	1,003,020
360	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, 7.500%, 9/01/39	3/21 at 100.00	BBB+	377,766
70	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32	9/21 at 100.00	A–	78,553
25,475	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 5.4% Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Series 1995A, 5.000%, 1/01/35			26,328,758
1,150	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Junior Lien Series 2013C, 6.500%, 1/15/43 (WI/DD, Settling 1/02/14)	7/14 at 100.00	BBB–	1,046,258
530	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A:	1/24 at 100.00	BB+	528,951
1,170	5.750%, 1/15/46 (WI/DD, Settling 1/02/14)	1/24 at 100.00	BBB–	1,134,210
1,175	6.000%, 1/15/53 (WI/DD, Settling 1/02/14)	1/24 at 100.00	BBB–	1,135,532

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955	Port of Oakland, California, Reveue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012P, 5.000%, 5/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	A+	966,622
4,980	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 3.3% (4)			4,811,573
1,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Mental Health, Coalinga State Hospital, Series 2004A, 5.500%, 6/01/23 (Pre-refunded 6/01/14)	6/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,021,980
750	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 2/01/23 (Pre-refunded 2/01/14)	2/14 at 100.00	A1 (4)	753,045
800	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.125%, 2/01/27 (Pre-refunded 2/01/14)	No Opt. Call	AA+ (4)	803,344
100	Roseville Joint Union High School District, Placer County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 (Pre-refunded 8/01/15) – FGIC Insured	8/15 at 100.00	AA (4)	107,518
225	San Mateo Union High School District, San Mateo County, California, Certificates of Participation, Phase 1, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 12/15/30 (Pre-refunded 12/15/17) – AMBAC Insured	12/17 at 100.00	N/R (4)	261,758
2,875	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 6.9%			2,947,645
1,000	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2011A, 5.500%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	AA–	1,040,299
645	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 11/15/37	No Opt. Call	A	665,543
7,600	Merced Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Water and Hydroelectric Series 2008B, 0.000%, 9/01/23	9/16 at 64.56	A	4,305,552
215	Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%, 9/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	213,873
9,460	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 3.0%			6,225,267
1,000	Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, California, Revenue Bonds, Capital Cost Recovery Prepayment Program, Series 2013A, 5.000%, 10/01/34	4/23 at 100.00	AA–	1,049,780
	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Water Furnishing Revenue Bonds, Poseidon			

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	Resources Channelside LP Desalination Project, Series 2012:			
535	5.000%, 7/01/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	Baa3	459,650
1,000	5.000%, 11/21/45 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	Baa3	803,800
	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006,			
150	5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPFG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	151,697
	Sacramento County Sanitation District Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – FGIC Insured			
250		6/16 at 100.00	AA	261,660
2,935	Total Water and Sewer			2,726,587
\$ 129,075	Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$93,027,068)			95,403,344
	Floating Rate Obligations – (1.7)%			(1,540,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – (4.6)%			(4,129,118)
	Net Assets – 100%			\$ 89,734,226

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### Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The following is a summary of the three-tiered hierarchy of valuation input levels.

Level 1 – Inputs are unadjusted and prices are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Prices are determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Prices are determined using significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of the end of the reporting period:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Long-Term Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$95,403,344	\$ —	\$95,403,344

### Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

As of December 31, 2013, the cost of investments was \$91,458,441.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments as of December 31, 2013, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 4,923,301
Depreciation	(2,522,719)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments

\$ 2,400,582

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
- (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
- (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.

Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency

- (4) securities, which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities.

WI/DD Investment, or portion of investment, purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.

(UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy  
Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary

Date: February 28, 2014

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date: February 28, 2014

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy  
Stephen D. Foy  
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date: February 28, 2014